



**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
(RCW 34.05.310)**

**CR-101 (7/10/97)**

Do NOT use for expedited repeal or adoption

**Agency: Department of Labor and Industries**

**Subject of possible rule making:**

**Chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards  
Chapter 296-65 WAC, Asbestos Removal and Encapsulation**

**(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, and 49.17.050

**(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

WISHA is proposing to rewrite and clarify requirements relating to the asbestos standard. This rulemaking is part of our long-term goal to rewrite our general occupational safety and health rules. This proposal will move all asbestos requirements from chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards, and chapter 296-65, Asbestos Removal and Encapsulation, and place them in two new chapters.

**(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

No other state or federal agencies (other than OSHA) are known that regulate this subject.

**(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

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Negotiated rule making

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Pilot rule making

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Agency study

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Other (describe)

Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

**(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

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